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Mr. Steve Peacock U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Federal Building, Room 8402 125 South State Street Salt Lake City, Utah 81438

SUBJECT: Monticello Remedial Action Project, Wetlands Determination For

Montezuma Creek and Adjacent Area, San Juan County, Near

Monticello, Utah

Dear Mr. Peacock:

As per your telephone conversation with UNC Geotech personnel July 25, 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy is requesting that a wetlands determination be completed for Montezuma Creek from State Highway 191 to the confluence with Vega Creek and an area adjacent legally described as Section 6 and the West one-half of Section 5, Township 34 South, Range 24 East, of the Salt Lake Basin Meridian.

We understand the wetlands determination will be made in concert with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in regards to Section 7 coordination and that UNC Geotech personnel will be available for assistance during your field investigation.

It is anticipated that your wetlands determination will commence on or about August 23, 1989, and will be completed by September 1, 1989.

This request for wetlands determination is necessary and prudent in order that the laws, regulations and policies of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, Executive Order 11988, and internal U.S. Department of Energy regulations (specifically, 10 CFR 1022) are properly addressed and complied with. The determination will also help us in properly assessing the need for an individual 404 permit or application of "supplemental standards" as further defined by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) of 1978.

Enclosed is a map of the area with appropriate highlighting indicating the portion of Montezuma Creek and adjacent areas to be included in this request for a Wetlands Determination.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
As stated

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